



2016 ALEXANDER'S CROWN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SINGLE VINEYARD : ALEXANDER VALLEY : SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD : Established in 1971 and recognized as the first vineyard in Alexander Valley to produce a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander's Crown vineyard is perched on a hill in the south end of the Alexander Valley, just south of Jintown. Encompassing 63 acres, the vineyard feels the cool Pacific breezes earlier in the afternoon compared to sites farther up the valley. We use only the top 15 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon from Block 1, planted to Clone 4 in well-drained red volcanic soil, to craft this intensely flavored wine.

HARVEST : The 2016 growing season was about as close to ideal as we could have asked for. We received an average amount of rain over the winter with only one large storm in early March, topping off soil moisture. A pleasant and temperate spring helped the vines with a great start. Average temperatures continued through summer with the occasional heat spike that Cabernet Sauvignon tends to love. Warm temperatures continued through the fall which meant harvest started about a week earlier than usual. We harvested on September 26th and October 8th under ideal conditions and with all things in balance.

TASTING PROFILE : The 2016 Alexander's Crown exhibits ripe flavors of black currant, blackberries and violets. The wine is voluptuous, has a rich mouthfeel, soft tannins and a long lingering finish with notes of dried herbs and a touch of mocha. Enjoy this wine now or cellar it for enjoyment in 8 to 10 years.

COORDINATES : 38° 39' 33" N, 122° 49' 04" W

ELEVATION : 250–350 ft.

COMPOSITION : 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL REGIME : 26 months in 100% French
oak barrels, 60% new

BLOCK : 1

ALCOHOL : 15.0%

TA : 0.59g/100mL

PH : 3.74

AVERAGE BRIX : 27.4

RELEASE DATE : March 2020

WINEGROWER : Ryan Decker

VINTNER : Tom Klein

WINEMAKERS : Justin Seidenfeld
and Greg Morthole

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